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## A grand opening

Work nearly finished  
on new state-of-the-art  
Clark Regional facility

By Rachel Parsons  
The Winchester Sun

Since 1967, patients have been treated at the Clark Regional Medical Center emergency room at its current location on Lexington Avenue.

At 7 a.m. March 31, the ER will close for good, and all hospital services will officially move to a new state of the art facility less than two miles down the road.

"I really think just the general experience will be different," Kathy Love, hospital CEO, said.

The LifePoint Corporation purchased Clark Regional Medical Center in April 2010 and broke ground for the new hospital in September 2010 at the property on U.S. 60, on the edge of town.

"This hospital's been designed to bring technology to a private, serene setting. ... You cannot compare the difference," Love said.

LifePoint will host several events in the coming weeks to familiarize the community with the new facility, and celebrate the healthcare milestone. There will be a community open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24. Hospital employees and their families will get a sneak peek March 12 during Family Night.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. on March 16, followed by a gala celebration on the hospital grounds March 17, the hospital's 95th anniversary.

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Construction workers battle the clock Wednesday to complete the new \$60 million Clark Regional Medical Center for the hospital's opening day March 31. Workers put the finishing touches to the exterior of the entrance foyer, top photo, while Tommy Stanton of OK Interiors drywalls the ceiling of the drive-through drop off at the front entrance, above. A blacktopping crew with The Allen Company was busy paving the parking lot in front of the hospital. Working on the crew are David Pingleton, left, David Oliver and Codi Jones, right. The new hospital can be seen in the background. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 11 a.m. on March 16 at the new hospital, followed by a community open house and tour at 10 a.m. on March 24.

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### KENTUCKY

## House passes state budget

FRANKFORT (AP) — With Kentucky rebounding slowly from economic recession, the House passed a \$19.5 billion biennial budget Wednesday that imposes 8.4 percent cuts on most state agencies.

Even some 200,000 state and local government retirees took hits when lawmakers erased 1.5 percent cost-of-living increases from their monthly pension payments.

"This budget is a reflection of the times we've been living in for the past 3-1/2 years," said House Democratic Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook. "During these tough economic times, I think we can stand up and say we did the best we could."

The House voted 78-17 to pass the budget, which now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Gov. Steve Beshear declared "the day of reckoning has come" when he presented his budget proposal to lawmakers last month calling for 8.4 percent cuts to most agencies. Only education, public safety and a handful of other programs would be spared under his plan to close a \$742 million shortfall.

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### BLUEGRASS REGION

## Big Brothers Big Sisters encouraging involvement in fundraiser

By Katie Perkowski  
The Winchester Sun

For Clark County "big sister" Jackie Weeks, adopting a little sister more than six years ago was about positively influencing a life.

Weeks, a Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass mentor, got involved with the program in Clark County because it was where she worked at the time.

Her little sister was 7 when they were matched up. Now she is 13 and in middle school.

"I love kids, I'm also a teacher at my church," Weeks, of Richmond, said. "... Her oldest sister lives out

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### IN YOUR WORLD

## OBITUARIES

Mary Clay Meers, 82,  
Winchester

Delmas G. Presley, 62,  
Winchester

Shirley Ayers, 71, Richmond

Doris A. Ware, 69, Winchester  
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# Obituaries

## DELMAS G. PRESLEY

Delmas G. Presley, 62, husband of Deborah Richardson Presley, passed away at 6:22 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at St. Joseph Hospital. Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Scobee Funeral Home by Dr. Ed Mesta. Visitation will be 1 p.m. Saturday. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association. The online guest book is

available at [www.scobeefuneralhome.com](http://www.scobeefuneralhome.com), and the 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

## MARY CLAY MEERS

Mary Clay Meers, 82, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25 at her home. Memorial services will be conducted at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the River of Life Assembly of God in Paris. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Susan

G. Komen Foundation, 1795 Alysheba Way, Suite 3104, Lexington, KY 40509-2280. The online guest book is available at [www.scobeefuneralhome.com](http://www.scobeefuneralhome.com), and the 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

## SHIRLEY AYERS

Shirley Ayers, 71, of Richmond, passed away Wednesday at the St. Joseph Hospice Care Center. Arrangements are incomplete at Scobee Funeral

Home. The 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

## DORIS A. WARE

Doris A. Ware, 69, of Winchester, passed away Wednesday at the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at Scobee Funeral Home. The 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 744-2122.

# Local briefs

## Strode Station council meets at 4 p.m. today

The Strode Station School-based Decision-making Council will meet today at 4 p.m. in the school library.

## Dodgeball tourney registration begins

The Winchester/Clark County Parks and Recreation Department will host a dodgeball tournament March 29 at College Park. Each team will consist 6-10 players. Pre-registration begins March 12 and cost is \$10 per team. Registration is \$15 the day of the tournament. All ages and experience levels are welcome. To pre-register, call 744-9554 or 745-0240.

## Trains, railroads topic of Second Thursday Program

The Bluegrass Heritage Museum Second Thursday Program will be today at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be John Stokes, who will

discuss the trains and railroads of Clark County. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

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# Police/fire

## WINCHESTER POLICE

### Charged

— Joseph R. Clem, 30, of 91 Clay St., was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
— Antonio R. Hooten, 30, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was charged Wednesday with

theft by unlawful taking and disorderly conduct.

### Reports

— At 12:34 p.m. Wednesday, a woman reported that someone took medication from her car during the night.  
— At 3:57 p.m. Wednesday, officers were called to 133 Alabama St. after a vehicle

was vandalized.

## WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS

— On Wednesday, emergency personnel conducted four local transfers and two out-of-town transfers. They also responded to two general medical calls, one stroke, three motor vehicle accidents, two seizures and

one respiratory case.

## CLARK COUNTY FIRE

— At 3:01 p.m. Wednesday, firefighters responded to a tractor trailer fire on Rockwell Road.  
— At 3:06 p.m. Wednesday, firefighters responded to an injury accident on Lafayette Boulevard.

# State briefs

## Kentucky storms death toll now at 23

SOMERSET (AP) — Kentucky officials say the death of a Pulaski County woman found in a closet is the latest to be blamed on deadly tornadoes that swept through the state last week. State officials say the fatality raised the death toll to 23 in Kentucky. Somerset Police Lt. Shannon Smith said officers found 74-year-old Helen Placke in a closet in her home on Monday. Smith said the closet door handle had apparently fallen off, trapping Placke in-

side. Police believe Placke was hiding during the storms that passed through the area. State officials say the tornadoes spawned by Friday's storms caused six deaths in Morgan County, five in Laurel, four in Kenton, three in Menifee and two each in Lawrence and Johnson counties. Placke's death was the first in Pulaski County.

## Lawmakers hold hearing on industrial hemp bills

FRANKFORT (AP) — Lawmakers have grown bolder in their push for allow

farmers to grow hemp in Kentucky, a Bible-belt state where the issue was once considered politically taboo. The House Agriculture and Small Business Committee held a hearing Wednesday on two bills pending in the state Legislature that could put Kentucky in position to grow hemp if a federal restriction is lifted. Neither bill was called for a vote. Most Kentucky political leaders have dismissed the issue in the past because of fears that voters might somehow conclude that they're also pro-marijuana. But the issue was a centerpiece in

last year's race for agriculture commissioner, which was won decisively by Jamie Comer, a hemp proponent. Comer said growing industrial hemp would allow expansion of Kentucky farm markets and create jobs in rural communities. Industrial hemp, a cousin to marijuana, is used to make fuel, cattle feed, textiles, paper, lotion, cosmetics and other products. Though it contains trace amounts of the mind-altering chemical tetrahydrocannabinol that makes marijuana intoxicating, it remains illegal in the U.S.

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## The Winchester Sun local forecast

**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Fri 3/9	Sat 3/10	Sun 3/11	Mon 3/12	Tue 3/13
<b>61/38</b> Showers and thundershowers in the morning, then overcast during the afternoon.	<b>53/31</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>59/45</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>60/51</b> Cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>65/54</b> Showers, maybe a rumble of thunder.
Sunrise 6:58 AM Sunset 6:38 PM	Sunrise 6:56 AM Sunset 6:39 PM	Sunrise 6:55 AM Sunset 6:40 PM	Sunrise 6:53 AM Sunset 6:41 PM	Sunrise 6:52 AM Sunset 6:41 PM

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### Kentucky At A Glance

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**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	64	36	rain	Glasgow	64	42	rain	Murray	63	43	rain
Bowling Green	68	43	rain	Hopkinsville	63	40	rain	Nashville, TN	67	45	rain
Cincinnati, OH	59	33	rain	Knoxville, TN	69	49	rain	Owensboro	60	39	rain
Corbin	67	41	rain	Lexington	58	36	rain	Paducah	60	41	rain
Covington	58	34	rain	Louisville	60	39	rain	Pikeville	70	47	rain
Cynthiana	58	34	rain	Madisonville	61	39	rain	Prestonsburg	66	40	rain
Danville	60	38	rain	Mayfield	63	41	rain	Richmond	61	39	rain
Elizabethtown	60	37	rain	Middlesboro	70	46	rain	Russell Springs	65	41	rain
Evansville, IN	59	36	rain	Morehead	61	35	rain	Somerset	64	41	rain
Frankfort	59	36	rain	Mount Vernon	63	39	rain	Winchester	61	38	rain

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	73	56	pt sunny	Houston	76	61	t-storm	Phoenix	71	47	sunny
Boston	63	40	windy	Los Angeles	75	50	sunny	San Francisco	67	44	sunny
Chicago	48	28	mst sunny	Miami	81	71	rain	Seattle	62	43	pt sunny
Dallas	72	46	t-storm	Minneapolis	42	21	mst sunny	St. Louis	49	35	rain
Denver	44	29	pt sunny	New York	65	46	pt sunny	Washington, DC	70	49	windy

**Moon Phases**

Full Mar 8

Last Mar 15

New Mar 22

First Mar 30

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# Lunch corner

Here's what local schools are serving Friday, March 9

## Elementary schools

**Breakfast**  
Choice of jump start cereal pack, yogurt and graham crackers, juice, fruit and milk.

**Lunch**  
Choice of turkey sliders, ham sliders, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chef salad, baby carrots with dip, fruit, ice cream and milk.

## Middle schools

**Breakfast**  
Choice of breakfast pizza, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

**Lunch**  
Choice of oven fried chicken, chicken tenders, sack lunch, soup and sandwich, stuffed tomato, au gratin potatoes, steamed broccoli with cheese sauce, rolls, fruit and milk.

## High school

**Breakfast**  
Choice of biscuit and gravy, sausage biscuit, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast pastry or muffin, cereal and toast, juice or fruit and milk.

**Lunch**  
Country Kitchen: Savory chicken bake, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans.  
Salad and More: Salad choice, soup and sensational sandwich, roast beef and Swiss on pretzel bun.  
Pizza line: Pizza choice  
Hot Zone: Mini cheeseburgers, fish sandwich, healthy chips, vegetable of the day.  
Chicken and More: Savory chicken bake, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans.



# STATE

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State Rep. Rick Rand, chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said Beshear's budget went largely unchanged, with some notable exceptions. The House extended the 8.4 percent cuts to the state judi-

cial system, just weeks after Supreme Court justices struck down a legislative redistricting plan as unconstitutional. The legislature took the same level of cuts. The House budget also whittled Beshear's proposal for some \$950 million in new debt down to \$350 million. Rand said House lawmakers also removed from Beshear's budget proposal several construction projects at the state's public universities, even though those projects were being paid for without General Fund appropriations. State Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, called the budget "inadequate" in several ways. "This is not fat that has been cut from the budget," Wayne said. "There is no fat.

# Earth's magnetic field to be jostled by storm

So far, few effects reported, scientists say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earth's magnetic field is about to be shaken like a snow globe by the largest solar storm in five years. After hurtling through space for a day and a half, a massive cloud of charged particles is due to arrive early today and could disrupt utility grids, airline flights, satellite networks and GPS services, especially in northern areas. But the same blast could also paint colorful auroras farther from the poles than normal. Scientists say the storm, which started with a massive solar flare earlier in the week, is growing as it races outward from the sun, expanding like a giant soap bubble. When it strikes, the particles will be moving at 4 million mph. "It's hitting us right in the nose," said Joe Kunches, a scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder, Colo. Astronomers say the sun has been relatively quiet for

some time. And this storm, while strong, may seem fiercer because Earth has been lulled by several years of weak solar activity. The storm is part of the sun's normal 11-year cycle, which is supposed to reach peak storminess next year. Solar storms don't harm people, but they do disrupt technology. And during the last peak around 2002, experts learned that GPS was vulnerable to solar outbursts. Because new technology has flourished since then, scientists could discover that some new systems are also at risk, said Jeffrey Hughes, director of the Center for Integrated Space Weather Modeling at Boston University. A decade ago, this type of solar storm happened a couple of times a year, Hughes said. "This is a good-size event, but not the extreme type," said Bill Murtagh, program coordinator for the federal government's Space Weather Prediction Center. The sun erupted Tuesday evening, and the most noticeable effects arrived here between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. today, according to forecasters at the space weather center. The effects could linger through Friday morning. Center forecaster Rob Steenburgh said that as of 2:30 a.m. today, there were no noticeable effects on Earth. But he said there were some indications from a satellite, which registered a slight rise in low energy particles. The region of the sun that erupted can still send more blasts our way, Kunches said. He said another set of active sunspots is ready to aim at Earth right after this. "This is a big sun spot group, particularly nasty," NASA solar physicist David Hathaway said. "Things are really twisted up and mixed up. It keeps flaring." Storms like this start with sun spots, Hathaway said.

# GRAND

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The gala will include performances from the Kentucky Ballet and the Lexington Philharmonic. The hospital also will host a Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on March 20. Love said she expects the community to be pleasantly surprised by all the updates at the new hospital, including all LED lights, private rooms, wide bore MRI, geothermal energy and fully integrated surgical rooms. A walking trail also is being added to the perimeter of the facility, and the entire campus will be smoke free, in order to promote overall health and wellness. "We've had a lot of comments. We've had doctors cry when they've seen it," Love said. The facility has been constructed to make future additions and improvements as easy as possible. "We designed it to serve this community for years to come," Love said. "This is such a milestone in the history of the hospital." In addition to the new facility, which is licensed for 100 beds, there will be an

prescription drug abuse in the state. House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, has championed an expansion of KASPER to monitor patients who seek inordinate amounts of prescriptions and unscrupulous doctors who dole them out. He also wants to put the attorney general's office in charge of KASPER.

adjacent medical plaza with general practitioners, specialists and the new Center for Women and Babies. "We want to make it really easy to have primary care physicians in this community," Love said. The Clark Clinic, located on the second floor of the medical plaza, is expected to open in August. Several new ER physicians have been hired, and Love said other specialists will be hired as the medical plaza is completed and staff settles into the new environment. Hospital employees are excited about the opportunity to serve patients in the new facility, but Love said the old building will be missed. "It's also very emotional. There's a lot of sentimentality about leaving this building," Love said. Plans for the old building have not yet been announced, but Love said she believes all furniture and equipment will be moved or sold by the end of April. The Clark Regional Foundation has been formed to handle the disbursement of funds earned from the sale of the building, and any future profits garnered. "It's been a journey," Love said of the process.

# BIG

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of town and is married and so forth, and so I just want to be able to positively influence her life." Big Brothers Big Sisters, which started more than 100 years ago according to its website, is the nation's largest donor and volunteer-supported mentoring network. It makes "meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ('bigs') and children ('littles')" ages 7 to 16," its website states. Weeks, who now works in Lexington, started out visiting her little through a school-based program at Shearer Elementary School. Weeks would take her lunch to the school once a week and eat with her little, and she would tutor her in whatever subject she was having trouble with at the time. Then, when Weeks switched to a job in Franklin County, she and her little changed to a community-based program, where the two would do outside activities like go to movies, go shopping, go biking and even go to University of Kentucky games. "They gave me an opportunity to get a match in my county at that time, and we didn't want to do that," Weeks said. "We wanted to stay together." Now, the two spend time together several times a month, Weeks said. In January, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass reached out to central Kentucky media outlets and organizations for donations after facing financial hardship. Last year, Bendrea Wilson, the former office manager, pleaded guilty to bank fraud for cashing more than \$400,000 in checks on the organization's account. She was sentenced to four years in prison. Because of its financial troubles, the organization had to stop matching adults with children because it could not afford to supervise any additional matches. Currently, there are about 18 open active matches and

more than 20 children on the waiting list in Clark County, said Lana Stewart, program director. "Once we were able to kind of get the message out that we were really just in dire need of funding, the communities really stepped up," Stewart said. "And a lot of private donations have come in. The immediate goal was to raise \$250,000, and we're about halfway there. Initially, we were just trying to get enough money to get through two weeks, so that goal was really met." Weeks said when her little heard about the struggles the organization was faced with, they talked about what they would do if it had to shut down. "I think it'd be a big disadvantage to a lot of young boys and girls because I know and I have seen how important that these bigs are to their littles," she said. "They've made

such an influence. "In my case, my little, when we first were matched, she had failed her previous year ... and she has really come a long way with her academics." Weeks said she and her little decided if the organization were to shut down, they would still spend time together like they do now. The matches that the organization makes not only helps children academically, but also in other areas too, like social skills, she said. "I remember when my little was smaller, she was 7, 8 years old, her mom would say that she just absolutely could not wait until Tuesdays because that was our day at school," Weeks said. "She'd be so excited. Her teacher said she could not contain herself until I got there." Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass has served thousands of children in 14

counties in central Kentucky for more than five decades, according to a news release. Stewart said the organization had aimed to make it financially until it was time for its biggest fundraiser, Bowl for the Kids' Sake, which began in February and has allowed the organization to continue functioning. In the past, she said, the organization has had the resources to organize bowls in each of the counties it serves, "but because of all the cutbacks we've had we just don't have the staff or resources to do that." This year, the upcoming bowls include two in Lexington, on March 17 and 18 at Southland Bowling Lanes, and one in Mount Sterling, on

April 15 at Sterling Lanes. According to the event website, donations from Bowl for the Kids' Sake raised by individual bowlers and corporate sponsors account for about half of the agency's annual income. Stewart said organizers are hoping that surrounding counties will be able to participate at the nearby locations. For more information about how to form a team for the event, call 1-800-201-8797, or to make a donation to the agency, visit www.bbbs-bluegrass.org. *Contact Katie Perkowski at kperkowski@winchestersun.com or follow her on Twitter, @TheSunKatie.*

# Kentucky Lottery

These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Wednesday:  
**Cash Ball**  
03-16-21-24, Cash Ball: 17, Kicker: 4-0-5-5-1  
**Pick 3 Evening:** 3-0-6  
**Pick 3 Midday:** 7-2-0  
**Pick 4 Evening:** 7-0-7-3  
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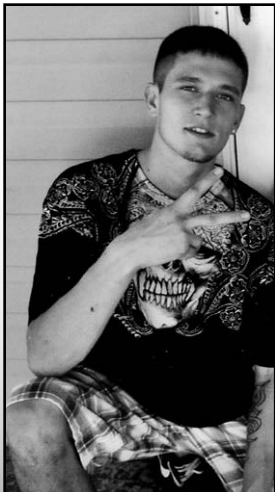
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Indeed, he has united decent people of all stripes and persuasions with his vile remarks about a Georgetown Law student.



Kathleen Parker

Perhaps by now you've heard of Sandra Fluke, who created a smallish tempest when she tried to testify before a congressional committee considering the federal Health and Human Services contraception mandate and was denied a place at the (all-male) table. There really was no reason for her to testify. The subject was religious freedom versus government overreach, not contraception per se, but this detail no longer seems to matter.

Fluke stalked out of the hearing room and has enjoyed the media spotlight ever since. She did finally get to testify at an unofficial hearing convened by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, during which she focused on Republican "censorship," which, fascinating as it sounds, was a sidebar to a non sequitur.

You may be excused for being confused and/or bored by all this talk of contraceptives. Having access to contraception hasn't been controversial except in the Catholic Church for some time and wouldn't be now if not for the new mandate that nearly every employer offer insurance to pay for it.

The only question — ever — has been whether the federal government can force religious organizations to pay for something that violates their freedom of conscience. For the record, if I were dictator, I'd put contraceptives in the drinking water on college campuses. But the Catholic Church and other religious entities do not share my view, and our laws have always tried to allow generous exceptions to rules that conflict with moral principle.

The question of whether the Obama administration is acting constitutionally has been posed to the courts by religious-liberty scholars (and seven state attorneys general), so we'll have an answer soon enough. In the meantime, the administration has promised to "accommodate" religious groups so that only insurance companies have to pay for women's contraception.

Whether this is an adequate remedy is also debatable. Can the government really force private insurance companies to cover certain medications and/or procedures? What if religious organizations are self-insuring, as is the case with many Catholic organizations? And, isn't this just an accounting sleight of hand, because in the end the religious entity would be paying for the morally offensive product?

These are clearly compelling questions on which Limbaugh might have focused his gargantuan energies. Instead, he attacked Fluke in the vilest terms. Moreover, by addressing her argument that college women need contraception and should be able to get it for free, he essentially lent credence to the opposition narrative that this is all about birth control.

Inadvertently, Rush also helped advance the argument from the left that Republicans are waging a war against women. After referring to Fluke as a "slut" and a "prostitute," he offered the following proposition: "So Miss Fluke, and the rest of you feminazis, here's the deal. If we are going to pay for your contraceptives ... we want something for it. We want you to post the videos online so we can all watch."

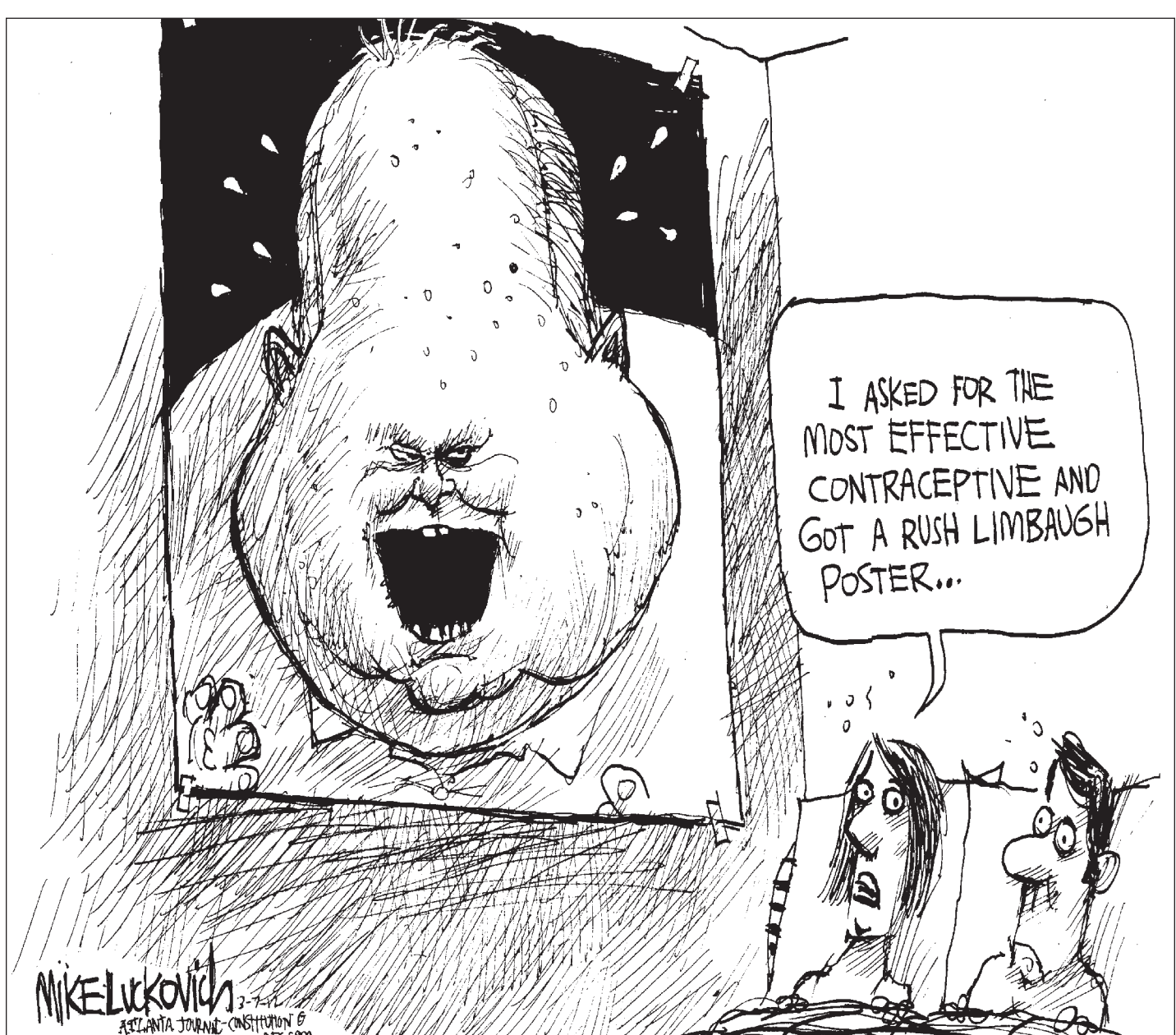
The image suggested is equally degrading to Limbaugh given his obvious familiarity with "watching," and invites unflattering speculation. To wit: It is entirely possible that Limbaugh himself never needed contraception in college, but virtue in the absence of opportunity is hardly a moral triumph.

I am not convinced by Fluke's premise that her need for contraception is anyone else's responsibility. There is perhaps some logic in subsidizing contraception for the poor, which the government already does through Title X, to reduce abortions and prevent the conception of children, who, owing to a parent's inability to care for said progeny, might become wards of the state. This, again, is a sidebar tangential to the key question.

The point is that Limbaugh has so offended with his remarks that he has further muddled the issues. I realize he's "just an entertainer," as his apologists insist, but he is also considered a leading and powerful conservative voice. By his remarks, he has marginalized legitimate arguments and provided a trove of ammunition to those seeking to demonize Republicans who, along with at least some of their Democratic colleagues, are legitimately concerned with religious liberty.

As a bonus, he has given his "feminazis" justification for their claims that conservatives hate women. Limbaugh owed Ms. Fluke an apology — an event doubtless many loved to watch.

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## Republicans: You DO know women vote?

WASHINGTON — When will Republicans stop their vagina monologue?

March is federally recognized as Women's History Month, and Republicans have been celebrating the occasion in a most unusual style: with a burst of interest in women's private parts.



Dana Milbank

On Thursday, the Senate took up a Republican proposal that would allow employers to deny women birth-control coverage if the employer found the pill morally objectionable.

About 100 miles south of Washington on that same day, Virginia legislators passed legislation requiring a woman to be offered an ultrasound image of her fetus before aborting it. The legislation, which opponents say could also require some women who have miscarriages to be offered ultrasonic images of their dead fetuses, is the successor of a bill that would have required women to undergo an invasive "transvaginal ultrasound."

Still on Thursday, the industrious Virginia House of Delegates also approved legislation bestowing rights on people, including a father, to bring a lawsuit over the death of the fetus.

On Wednesday, conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, a powerful influence among Republican lawmakers, described as a "slut" the law-school student invited by House Democrats to testify in support of birth control. "It makes her a prostitute," Limbaugh said of the woman, blocked last month by House Republicans from testifying on what became an all-male panel. "She wants to be paid to have sex."

On Tuesday, Oklahomans held a protest at the state capitol to oppose a bill, passed by the state Senate and now being taken up by the House, that would bestow "personhood" on fetuses — one of many such efforts across the nation. Democratic State Sen. Judy McIntyre, one of just four women in the 48-member Senate, was so upset that, according to the Oklahoman newspaper, she held a protest sign proclaiming: "If I wanted the government in my womb, I'd (expletive) a senator."

Democrats think they have a political winner in the Republicans' fascination with reproduction at a time when economic production is what voters have in mind. The party is raising money with a petition against the "Republican War on Women," and 11 Democratic women running for the U.S. Senate are using the occasion to launch a fundraising tour.

They are attempting to tie everything from last year's effort to defund Planned Parenthood to the proposed repeal of Obamacare (which expanded coverage of mammography and birth control). And Obama campaign strategists tell me they are confident that the two leading Republican presidential candidates, a Mormon and a devout Catholic, will have difficulty beating the rap that the party is obsessed with reproduction.

Evidence that the Republicans realize they're in a pickle: Mitt Romney spontaneously flip-flopped on his initial opposition to the Blunt amendment in the Senate, which would provide employers with a moral opt-out from contraception coverage and other elements of Obamacare. Romney first said that "questions about contraception within a relationship between a man and a woman, husband and wife, I'm not going there." But he quickly reversed himself in favor of the amendment, aligning himself with Rick Santorum, who has voiced doubts about

the constitutional protections for birth control.

More evidence: After championing the Blunt amendment, Republican leaders backed away from their demands for a vote on the provision. And Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), an early proponent of the amendment after hearing about the issue during a Catholic mass, disappeared from the debate. So Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) wound up forcing a vote on the provision, which was narrowly defeated Thursday afternoon.

"Today, the Senate will vote on an extreme, ideological amendment to the bipartisan transportation bill," Reid said, kicking off Thursday's debate. "This amendment takes aim at women's access to health care."

The Republican Senate leader, Mitch McConnell, made no mention of birth control in his reply, countering that "it is not within the power of the federal government to tell anybody what to believe, or to punish them for practicing those beliefs."

Most other Republicans followed McConnell's lead in avoiding mention of contraception. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), however, said the provision in the health care law requiring preventive medical coverage for women is "questionable policy," and he accused the administration of "deferring to its feminist allies" by mandating contraceptive coverage.

After the amendment went down to defeat, its sponsor, Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), gave a General MacArthur. "I'm confident this issue is not over," he said. "It won't be over until the administration figures out how to accommodate people's religious views as it relates to these new mandates."

The monologue will continue.

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## Letters to the editor

### Clark needs all-night pharmacy

Dear Editor,  
My grandson had to go to the emergency room the other night at the hospital. He needed antibiotics. The ER gave him a dose of fever reducer before we left because we didn't have any at home. We had to wait until the next morning when a pharmacy opened to get medications.  
Of course, she was out there until 9 a.m. when other pharmacies open up. Why do they not have an all-night pharmacy in Winchester or at the hospital they are opening up? His temperature was 102 degrees. She could have gone to Lexington to an all-night pharmacy, but do Winchester people want their business sent to Lexington. I would not, if I have a chance to do business, I am not going to send my business to Lexington. We need to support our little town.

Erma Wattenberger  
Winchester



D O W N   T H E   L A N E

# After tornadoes, Kentuckians prove the sun will always come out again

## Community Calendar

### TODAY

— Community Education belly dance class, 6:15-7:30 p.m., \$6/class, College Park Library.

— TLC meeting, 1 p.m., D.J.'s.

— Shearer Elementary School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 3:15 p.m., at the school, to establish final principal candidate criteria/profile. PTO meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

— Lecture series on ethics, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 7 p.m. Potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The speaker will be District Judge Vanessa Dickson.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8

— Boonesboro Lioness Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Brown's Forest Grove Grocery.

— Telephone Pioneers meeting, 11:30 a.m., Applebee's.

— Winchester/Clark County Administrative Hearing Board meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

— Step Up Conference, Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information will be presented on classes and support groups in Clark County. Door prizes and lunch provided. Hosted by Clark County Community Services. Contact Judy Crowe or Jennifer Havens at 744-5034 for more information.

— Winchester Rotary Club meeting, noon, Winchester Country Club.

### MONDAY, MARCH 12

— Family Night for girls, to give local parents insight into the HIV and STD problems of the teen population and to help teens make positive choices, 6 p.m., sponsored by the Clark County Health Department, free, make reservations by calling 744-4482.

— Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary celebration, Clark County Courthouse, 5 p.m., sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 492.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13

— Clark County Writers Group meeting, 6-8 p.m., Clark County Public Library, 370 S. Burns Ave. The public is invited.

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Hannah McClure Elementary School PTO meeting, 6 p.m., in the school library.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

— Community Education belly dance class, 6:15-7:30 p.m., \$6/class, College Park Library.

— Lecture series on ethics, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 7 p.m. Potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The speaker will be interim Assisting Bishop Chilton Knudsen of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

— Clark County Friends of the Library meeting, 7-8 p.m., 370 S. Burns Ave.

I have always credited Kentucky as being one of the friendliest states there is in the United States. Kentuckians seem to be able to talk to most people anywhere. We are often accused of being too friendly, and sometimes that may hold true.

My sister, for example, never met a stranger and I was appalled at how many complete strangers she invited to come visit her in Kentucky while we were in Europe, giving them her address. I had visions of a neverending group coming to her door. If you know her, however, you know she wouldn't care and would just be happy.

In other words, Kentuckians will open their hearts and doors to others. That is what has happened all over the state of Kentucky this past weekend following the tornadoes and storms.

Kentucky people and churches have once again stepped up to the plate by giving and helping. The weather can give Kentuckians something to talk about almost any day or week of the year, but this week has left all of Kentucky with plenty of conversation. I have been heartbroken by all I have seen on TV.

I have to tell you, on Friday night my nerves were completely rattled when I heard that a tornado had touched down in West Liberty and the Wellington area. That is where my sis-

“Isn't it good to know we Americans have so much love in our hearts we will still give of what we have to others?”

ter lives and panic took over. You see your hearts hurt when it is anyone going through a tornado, but when you realize it is your family member involved, a whole new degree of panic attacks you. After many attempts to reach her by phone and no answer, I have to admit I was scared. I called my brother, David, to see if he had heard from her.

Right before I went to bed, I got a text from my brother telling me she was OK, but there were deaths on her road from the tornado.

Knowing she was alive meant the world to me. It was then I realized someone else had lost family members.

There were three things that are hard for me to shake from those tornadoes. The first thing I want to mention is the guy who admitted the TV stations gave good warning to all the people that the tornadoes were coming, and he also said if you were not going for cover before it hit, you would not be able to get cover later because it would be too late.

He said once the roar began, it was

only about five seconds before it hit. I thought of how many times we have been skeptical about whether we would get hit or not, and did not take the storms as seriously as we should.

The other thing that can't escape my mind was the man who was driving home knowing his own home was probably being destroyed, and also knowing his two teenage children were at home by themselves. It was at this point he asked God to take everything but spare his children.

That is exactly what God did. His two children went to the basement and were only about half way down when it hit. The son put a mattress between the door and steps to protect them. When the tornado was over and they ventured out, they saw that there was nothing left of their house except the hardwood floors. Everything else was blown away.

The man found them crying, and he told them to stop crying, everything was going to be OK. What faith.

What touched me most, though, was the little baby girl who was picked up and blown away and left laying in a field.

When she was found, the paramedics noticed her little eyes moved and they thought that was a good sign.

She was flown to Louisville's Kosair Children's Hospital and given treatment. All of her family members had been killed in the tornado in Indiana.

I am sure many prayers went up for this little girl, but it was not to be, and she died a few days later.

This news has been something that I am having trouble getting out of my head. I so wanted her to be a miracle. I could picture a life of love from others if she had lived.

While I know there are times in our lives we can't understand what is happening, I never heard any survivor blame anyone for the situation they are in. While I pondered this, I wondered if the tragedy happened to bring people together. Some of the people remarked on TV that every time they went out, they cried not because of the mess they were in but because of the love of all the people who were supporting them.

Isn't it good to know we Americans have so much love in our hearts we will still give of what we have to others? Even though the economy has hurt many homes, we still have more than we need in so many ways.

Only in Kentucky will the temperatures go from highs in the 70s and sunshine, to tornadoes and rain, then to five or six inches of snow, all within one week.

I also think that only in Kentucky do the people give so freely and love so much.

## Birth announcements

### MICHAEL LANDON TAYLOR

Zackery Taylor and Ashtyn Barnes of Mount Sterling announce the birth of their son, Michael Landon Taylor.

He was born Feb. 28 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

His grandparents are Richard and Ada Ruth Barnes of Jeffersonville, Jacqueline Gibson of Mount Sterling and Richard Taylor of Dayton.

### GAVIN JAMES OTIS

Steve and Carla Otis of Mount Sterling announce the birth of their son, Gavin James Otis.

He was born March 2 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

His grandparents are James and Maura Hephinstine of Owingsville and Archie and Peggy Otis of Mount Sterling.

### NATALIE KAY CHARLENE HOLMES

James Holmes and



Christina Sparks announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Kay Charlene Holmes.

She was born Feb. 29 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are Pete Holmes and Anna Bishop and Randy Sparks and Dana Sparks.

### DESTINY NICOLE ANN HOLDER

Duane Holder and Arica Fischer announce the birth of their daughter, Destiny Nicole Ann Holder.

She was born Feb. 22 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are Dave and Leann Whittie and

George and Sherry Sexton.

### JANIAH REHNAY SMITH

Mauri Smith and Jasmine Harris announce the birth of their daughter, Janiah Rehnay Smith.

She was born Feb. 17 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are Donna Harns and Tim and Regina Coward of Sauk Village, Ill.

### RYLIE LEANN WILFONG

Adam Wilfong and Lori Shuler announce the birth of their daughter, Rylie Leann Wilfong.

She was born Feb. 17 at Clark Regional Medical Center.

Her grandparents are David Shuler and Betty Shuler of Clay City and Dennis Wilfong and Vicki Wilfong of Stanton.

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## Clark Community Services granted \$200K for housing



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Judy Crowe, director of Clark County Community Services, received a Home TBRA funding agreement for \$217,800. Crowe, center, accepts the check from Richard McQuady, chief executive officer of Kentucky Housing Corporation, left, and Melissa Benton, program specialist. The grant will help the homeless in Winchester and Clark County, or those with drug or alcohol dependency, who are homeless and participating in a recovery program,, purchase a home. Applications are accepted at Community Services, 30 Taylor

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## 25 Years Ago

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Twelve members of the Cardinal Chapter of the National Honor Society represented George Rogers Clark High School at the Kentucky Association of National Honor Societies Convention in Frankfort recently. Students attending were Dana Skinner, Terri Crowe, Chari Beth Rose, Kathy Atchison, Junan Calmes, Melody Farris, Diana Pelfrey, Toby Gibbs, Barry McNees, Scott VanSickle, Laura Berryman, Chad Powell and Jean Kamperman, chapter advisor.

Mrs. Earnest Paul Richards, a registered nurse at the Clark County Hospital, was guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. at Bud's Beef 'N More. The speaker discussed hypertension and distributed brochures concerning the disease.

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Members of the Kentucky Bank Board of Directors unveiled the portrait of chairman of the board Buckner Woodford IV during the board's Feb. 21. Woodford retired from Kentucky Bank Jan. 2, 2009, ending 121 consecutive years of Woodford family service to the bank.

# Kentucky Bank unveils portrait of retired chair Buckner Woodford IV

Buckner Woodford IV, chairman of the board of Kentucky Bank, was honored at the Board of Directors' Feb. 21 meeting with an unveiling of his portrait. The portrait, painted by Lexington artist Sandy Speagle, is part of the Woodford Portrait Collection. Bank President Louis Prichard, along with directors Theodore Kuster and Proctor Caudill, spoke about Woodford's contribution and leadership during his 31 years as president of the bank, before becoming chairman of the board. The ceremony was attended by the directors and senior management of the Bank, along with family guests. Also participating were the artist and her husband, and Bourbon County historian and scholar Estill Curtis Pennington. Pennington talked about the legacy the Woodfords have made to the financial development of Bourbon County. When Woodford retired from Kentucky Bank on Jan. 2, 2009, 121 consecutive years of Woodford family

service came to an end. His active working career at the bank spanned 37 years. That tradition of service began in 1887 when Woodford's great grandfather, the first Buckner Woodford, joined the recently formed Bourbon Bank in Paris. He was the bank's first cashier, and became president in 1909, a position he held until his death in 1915. The Bourbon Bank was founded 22 years after the end of the Civil War. It was a time of economic recovery in which the Bourbon Bank, after merging with the local Agricultural Bank in 1915, played an important role. Buckner Woodford, Jr., often noted as Buckner Woodford II, was born in 1880, the second generation to serve the bank which he joined in 1900 at the age of 20. He worked with his father for 12 years and in 1947 became the second Woodford family member to be named president of the bank. He was still working at the bank at the time of his

death in 1952. His was the longest tenure of the four Buckner Woodfords with a career spanning 52 years. The third generation of Buckner Woodford bankers was born in 1912. During his lifetime he was also called Buckner Woodford, Jr., but to distinguish him from earlier family members he is identified as Buckner Woodford III. He began working at Bourbon Agricultural Bank in 1933 during the Great Depression. He worked with his father for 19 years. In 1966 he became the third Buckner Woodford to become president of Bourbon Agricultural Bank. Late in life he lost his hearing, and though he planned to retire, continued working until his son joined the bank in 1971. At the time of his death in 1972, he was 61-years-old. Buckner Woodford IV, was born in 1944. He started work at the bank the day after his father retired. The Woodford streak continued, though he and his father never worked together. In

those days, the Bourbon Agricultural Bank was commonly called the "Bourbon Ag." As mergers and acquisitions took place, name changes occurred. Following the merger with Peoples Deposit Bank in Paris in 1984, the bank became the Bourbon Agricultural Deposit Bank. Buckner Woodford IV was named president, becoming the fourth generation to hold that position. In the aftermath of changes in state banking regulations in the 1990s, the bank expanded beyond Bourbon County. To reflect that broader constituency, the bank became the Kentucky Bank in 1994. At the end of 2004 Buckner Woodford IV relinquished the position of CEO, while continuing to working on projects to enhance the bank. On Jan. 2, 2009, he fully retired as an employee, becoming non-executive chairman. The 121-year streak of Buckner Woodfords employed at Kentucky Bank and its predecessors came to an end.

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# Five objectives to help investors meet their goals

As an investor, what are your goals? You can probably think of quite a few — but over the course of your lifetime, your objectives typically will fall into five key categories. And once you're familiar with these areas, you can start thinking of what they'll mean to you in terms of your financial and investment strategies.

So, let's take a look at each of area and see what they might entail for you:

Preparing for retirement — With advances in health care and a greater awareness of healthy living practices, many of us can expect to live two or three decades in an active retirement. To pay for all those years, you'll need to save and invest early and often. So, while you're working, take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, as well as contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. After understanding your desired retirement lifestyle, your financial advisor can help you determine how, and how much, to save to provide for your retirement.

Planning for the unexpected — You can't see into the future, so you'll need to prepare for anything that comes your way. By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for things such as a new furnace or a major car repair. Planning for the unexpected means having sufficient life insurance to provide for your family in case anything happens to you.

Educating your children — College is already expensive — and college expenses have been rising faster than the overall rate of inflation. If you want to help your children, or grandchildren, pay for school, you may want to invest in a college savings vehicle, such as the 529 plan.

You can contribute large amounts to a 529 plan, and earnings have the opportunity to grow tax-free, provided withdrawals are used for higher education. (Withdrawals not used for education are subject to income taxes and a 10 percent penalty.)

Living in retirement — Once you reach retirement, your investment emphasis will shift somewhat, from accumulating resources to making them last. By

working with a financial advisor, you can develop a withdrawal strategy that can help make sure you don't outlive the income you receive from your 401(k), IRA and other sources. At the same time, given the possible length of your retirement, you can't ignore the need to invest for growth, so you may need to consider some growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio to help your income keep pace with inflation.

Transferring your wealth — When you've worked hard your whole life, you want to be able to leave a legacy that allows you to provide financial resources to the next generation and to those charitable organizations you may wish to support. So, when it's time to think about transferring your wealth, consult with your financial and legal advisors to create an estate plan that's appropriate for your needs. And because these plans can take significant time to create, you won't want to wait too long to start.

So, there you have them: five key financial areas on which to focus as you travel through life. By doing your homework, planning ahead and getting the help you need, you can make the journey a pleasant and productive one.

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# Apple average share reaches \$592

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple's market capitalization topped \$500 billion Wednesday, climbing to a mountain peak where few companies have ventured — and none have stayed for long. Apple was already the world's most valuable company. The gap between it and No. 2 Exxon Mobil Corp. has widened rapidly in the past month, as investors have digested Apple's report of blow-out holiday-season sales of iPhones and iPads. And, more recently, Apple has raised investors' hopes that it might institute a dividend. The company's market capitalization was near \$506 billion in late-morning trading as the shares rose \$7, or 1.3 percent, to \$542.41. On Tuesday, the Cupertino, Calif., company sent out invites to reporters for

an event in San Francisco next Wednesday, apparently to reveal its next iPad model. The launch of the new model was expected around this time, a year after the launch of the iPad 2. Apple is in rare company. It is the sixth U.S. corporation to reach the \$500 billion milestone, and the only one to be worth that much at current prices. Exxon, now worth \$411 billion, was worth just over \$500 billion for two short stretches at the end of 2007. Apple's arch-nemesis Microsoft Corp. was worth just more than \$500 billion briefly at the end of 1999, and again in early 2000. It even shot up above \$600 billion for one day. The company is now worth \$267 billion. Cisco Systems Inc., Intel Corp. and General Electric

Co. also peaked just above \$500 billion in early 2000. Cisco and Intel are now worth a bit more than \$100 billion each, while GE is worth \$200 billion. Exxon's ascent to the \$500 billion level was propelled by record oil prices. Cisco, Intel, Microsoft and GE were boosted by the general stock mania of 1999 and 2000, and the hunger for technology stocks in particular. Apple's rise, by contrast, is powered by its mammoth sales and profits, which are growing at rates unheard of for a company its size. And despite its sky-high market capitalization, Apple's shares aren't expensive compared to its earnings. It's worth 15 times its earnings for the last year. That compares to 21 times earnings for Google Inc. and 14 times for the S&P 500 over-

all. Yet few companies in the index grow their earnings as fast as Apple does: In its latest quarter, its earnings rose 118 percent from a year ago, to \$13.06 billion. Analysts expect the Apple rally to have some legs. The 35 analysts who have reported to FactSet since Apple's latest earnings report have set an average price target of \$592 per share, or 8 percent higher than Wednesday's level. That implies a market capitalization of \$552 billion. Apple has been helped by a general recovery in the stock market after the doldrums of the financial crisis and the recession. The S&P 500 index has posted its best February performance in 14 years, and on Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 13,000 for the first time since May 2008.

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# Sexual assault awareness month named



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Clark County Judge-Executive Henry Branham reads a proclamation designating March as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Winchester and Clark County. Joining Branham for the reading are, from left, front row, George Rogers Clark High School student Janette Marmo, Bluegrass Rape Crisis interim director Stephanie Humes, Branham, Bluegrass Rape Crisis advocate for Clark, Powell and Madison counties Angie Gibbs, Winchester Mayor Ed Burtner, GRCHS student Kendra Lockhart, advisory board member Elizabeth Morton, and her son, Mason Morton. Back row, Beth Willett, Clark County Health Department; Clark County Sheriff Berl Perdue, Clark County Attorney Brian Thomas, George Rogers Clark High School counselor John Lemmon, Karen Cinnamon, with the Clark County Homeless Coalition; and Clark County deputy circuit clerk Julie Carlisle. Bluegrass Rape Crisis offers free counseling service for anyone affected by sexual assault. The 24-hour toll free crisis hotline number is 1-800-656-4673.

# US: More work needed to stop youth tobacco use

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — More work needs to be done to keep young Americans from using tobacco, including creating smoking bans and increasing taxes on tobacco products, the U.S. Surgeon General's office said in a report released Thursday.

Almost one in five high school-aged teens smokes, down from earlier decades, but the rate of decline has slowed, the report said.

It says it's particularly important to stop young people from using tobacco because those who start smoking as teenagers can increase their chances of long-term addic-

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— REGINA BENJAMIN  
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tion. They also quickly can experience reduced lung function, impaired lung growth, early heart disease and other health problems like asthma.

More than 80 percent of smokers begin by age 18 and 99 percent of adult smokers in the U.S. start by age 26, according to the 920-page report, which is the first comprehensive look at youth tobacco use from the surgeon

general's office in nearly two decades.

“In order to end this epidemic, we need to focus on where we can prevent it and where we can see the most effect, and that's with young people,” Surgeon General Regina Benjamin said in an interview with The Associated Press. “We want to make our next generation tobacco-free, and I think we can.”

The report details youth tobacco use, health impacts, and tobacco marketing and prevention efforts in the U.S. Officials hope the information will reinvigorate anti-tobacco efforts and spark public activism in reducing death and disease caused by tobacco use.

The report also recommended anti-smoking campaigns and increased restrictions under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate tobacco as other ways to prevent adolescents and young adults from using tobacco products.

# Romney looks to lock up nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — His delegate lead growing, Mitt Romney gently nudged his Republican opponents toward the sidelines on Wednesday and said he was on track to wrap up the presidential nomination before the party convention next summer. Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich paid him no mind, vowing to fight on in a campaign marked by persistent ideological divisions.

If anything, the political maneuvering intensified as the marathon pointed toward contests in five states over the next week. Romney's campaign purchased television advertising time in Alabama according to campaign sources, as it pursued a breakthrough in the party's Southern base.

A Santorum ally urged Gingrich to abandon the race.

In response, the former House speaker said he would consider it — if he thought Santorum was sure to beat Romney and then President Barack Obama. “I don't,” he added.

And when Santorum was informed that an aide to Romney had said it would take an act of God for any other candidate to amass a majority of convention delegates, Santorum responded heatedly. “What won't they

resort to try to bully their way through this race?” he said in Lenexa, Kan. “If the governor now thinks he's now ordained by God to win, then let's just have it out.”

One day after Super Tuesday, Romney's campaign circulated a memo making the case that his six victories on a single night had increased his delegate lead

to a point that it was increasingly hard for any of his rivals to catch up. And they were hurting the party by continuing to try, it suggested.

“As Governor Romney's opponents attempt to ignore the basic principles of math, the only

person's odds of winning they are increasing are President Barack Obama's,” it said.

Romney didn't go that far in an interview, and he stopped short of a flat prediction that he would achieve his goal of a pre-convention delegate majority. “We think that will get done before the convention, but one thing I can tell you for sure is there's not going to be some brokered convention where some new person comes in and becomes the nominee,” he said on CNBC's “Squawk Box.” “It's going to be one of the four people that are still running.”



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# State tourney

Mont. Co. 60,  
Muhlenberg Co. 43

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — Macie Spence scored 18 points Wednesday night as Montgomery County cruised past Muhlenberg County 60-43 to advance to the quarterfinals of the girls' state tournament.

Spence scored 14 of her points in the first half, working mostly in the paint as Region 10 champion Montgomery County (29-6) jumped out to a 38-21 advantage at the break. That lead grew in the second half to 21 after Olivia Colliver's back-to-back 3-pointers made it 47-26 in the third quarter.

Colliver finished with 11 points, Erica Rogers added 12 and Destiney Taul pulled down 12 rebounds.

Montgomery faces Manual on Friday.

DuPont Manual 50,  
Perry Central 41

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — Leasia Wright scored 18 points and went a perfect 11 of 11 from the foul line in leading DuPont Manual to a 50-41 win over Perry County Central Wednesday night in the first round of the girls high school basketball state tournament.

The Lady Crimsons (34-2) beat a Lady Commodores squad that, as one of six schools to win 30 games coming into the state tournament, was considered a major roadblock.

Dunbar 72,  
Boone Co. 70

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — Jordin Fender scored 21 points Wednesday to lead Lexington Dunbar to a 72-70 overtime win against Boone County in the first round of the girls' state tournament.

The Region 11 champion Lady Bulldogs (29-6) overcame a 10-point deficit in the third quarter and held on as Kierra Muhammad scored 10 of her 11 points in overtime.

Sydney Moss, a Florida signee and NFL receiver Randy Moss' daughter, scored 41 points to pace Region 9 champion Boone County (30-4) as her father looked on from the stands.

Butler 54,  
Glasgow 49

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — Cora Moore scored 12 points and Danielle Lawrence added 10 as Butler overcame an 11-point first-half deficit and 33 turnovers Wednesday to beat Glasgow 54-49 in the first round of the girls' state tournament.

Butler (24-9), the Region 6 champion, advanced to play Lexington Dunbar on Friday.



## Cards place 7th in state meet

Sun Staff Report

The George Rogers Clark boys indoor cross country team concluded the season with a seventh-place finish at the state meet held recently at Broadbent Arena in Louisville. Senior Pokey Harris won the

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## Kentucky Basketball: SEC Tournament



Sun photo by Bill Thiry

Kentucky's Terrence Jones goes up for a shot in a win over Georgia last week at Rupp Arena. Kentucky opens the SEC Tournament as the top seed and will take on the winner of Arkansas and LSU at 1 p.m. Friday at the New Orleans Arena.

# Kings of the SEC

## Cats team to beat in league tourney

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Three years into coach John Calipari's tenure at Kentucky, the Wildcats are once again the unquestioned kings of the Southeastern Conference.

The No. 1-ranked Wildcats open this week's SEC tournament in New Orleans with a swagger reminiscent of the 1990s, when they won seven of eight tournament championships. They were so dominant the event was jokingly referred to as the Kentucky Invitational.

"It's another time to get a championship," Kentucky guard Darius Miller said. "Hopefully we can continue the run that we've had and hopefully it can give us a little experience for the (NCAA) tournament."

There's a good reason the Wildcats' moxie has returned.

Kentucky boasts a roster of potential future NBA players and a 30-1 record that includes the first 16-0 SEC slate for any program since the Wildcats accomplished the feat in 2003. They haven't lost in nearly three months and have arguably the nation's best player in freshman Anthony Davis, a 6-foot-10 forward who is averaging 14.4 points, 9.8 rebounds and is the nation's leading shot-blocker with 4.7 per game.

So far, the rest of the SEC hasn't had an answer.

There's even a little awe.

"They just seem consumed about winning, and that is it," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "Whatever they've got to do to win, regardless of who scores and who plays the minutes ... They are going after something that's bigger than their own individual statistics."

Listening to the rest of the league, it's easy to get the feeling that everyone else is playing for second place. Calipari doesn't share that sentiment even though Kentucky is trying to win its third straight SEC tournament.

"We're talking about a bunch of teams that have a chance to win this thing," Calipari said.

The top four seeds — Kentucky, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Florida — all receive first-round byes in the 12-team tournament, which starts on Thursday.

Though the Wildcats supply the tournament's star power, there is drama in the middle of the pack. Several teams need a strong showing to solidify their NCAA tournament resumes.

Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi State and Mississippi are all in various stages of uncertainty as the league hopes to place six teams in the tournament for the first time since 2008.

The Crimson Tide appear to have the best current

See SEC, B2

# Cards stuff Seton Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — Seeking a quality win to improve its postseason resume, Seton Hall got picked off by Peyton Siva and stuffed by Gorgui Dieng.

Siva had 14 points and six steals, Dieng blocked six shots inside and Louisville held off the Pirates 61-55 on Wednesday night to reach the Big East tournament quarterfinals, leaving Seton Hall to sweat out Selection Sunday as it hopes for an NCAA bid.

"We're not the greatest offensive team, but we played really good defense. We're one of the top defensive teams in the country," Cardinals coach Rick Pitino said. "We had 39 deflections tonight, which is very, very high."

Kyle Kuric added 13 points and Dieng, a 6-foot-10 sophomore from Senegal who led the league in blocks, grabbed 10 rebounds to help the seventh-seeded Cardinals (23-9) advance to play ninth-ranked and second-seeded Marquette tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Louisville, the 2009 tournament champion, blew out Marquette in the quarterfinals last year before losing to Connecticut 69-66 in the championship game.

Russ Smith scored five of his 11 points down the stretch as Louisville thwarted Seton Hall's late charge to stop a two-game skid. The Cardinals, seemingly secure in the NCAA tournament field, fell out of The Associated Press Top 25 this week after losses to South Florida and No. 2 Syracuse.

Jordan Theodore scored 17 and Herb Pope had 11 points and 15 rebounds to lead the 10th-seeded Pirates (20-12), perched tenuously on the NCAA bubble as they look for their first berth since 2006. Seton Hall shot just 33 percent — including 3 of 19 from 3-point range — and lost for the 10th time in its final 15 games.

"I'm ecstatic the way the season went," Pirates coach Kevin Willard said. "I believe this team deserves to be playing and its name called on Sunday. Again, I've always been under the belief that it's the total year, it's not just two games that you played bad maybe at the end of the year or a tough stretch. Our total resume is as good as anyone's out there."

Willard was beaten by his mentor for the second time this season. He spent six seasons on the Louisville staff as an assistant under Pitino.

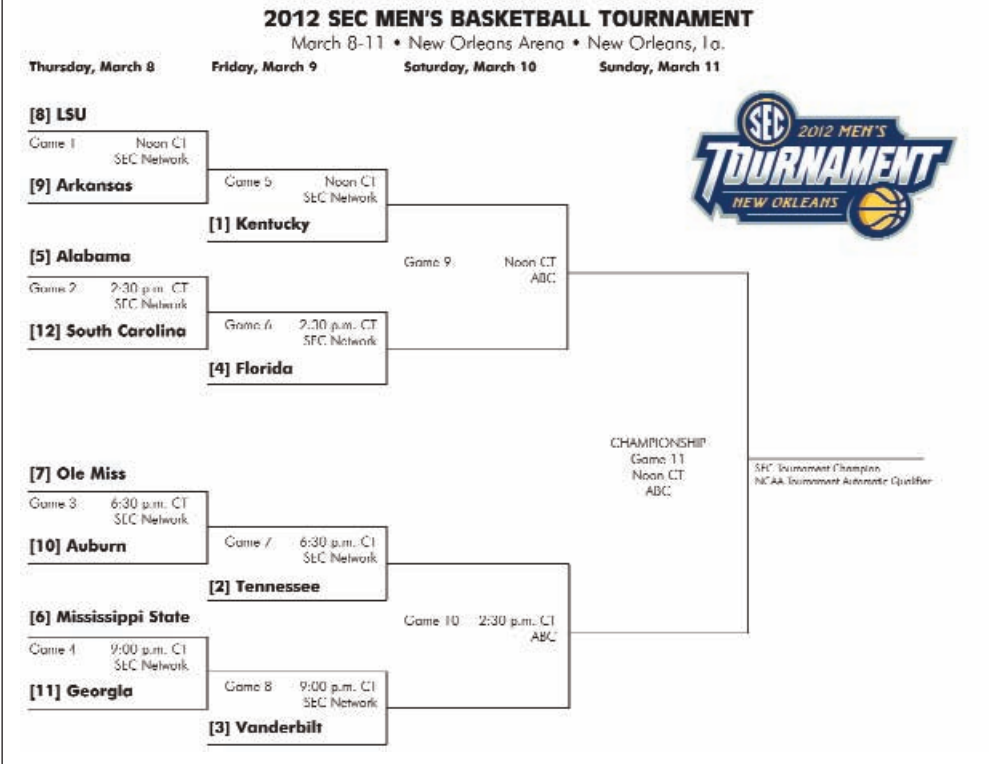
The Cardinals forced 17 turnovers, committing only nine, and matched their low for points allowed in a Big East tournament game.

"It starts with defense with us," Siva said. "As long as we continue to play defense and continue to get steals, then that's when we're at our best."

Siva keyed a 20-6 run to start the second half that put Louisville in control. The junior made two steals and a tough bank shot in the first 65 seconds after halftime. He added a breakaway dunk off a steal, then hit a 3 seconds later and pumped his fist emphatically.

Members of the George Rogers Clark indoor track team were as follows: Front row from left: Madison Henry, Heidi Geittmann, Magen Wasson, Cora Kerber, Ashton Wasson, Libby Welch and Lydia Gapp. Second row: Jonathan Hubbard, Ben Petrey, John Dixon, Jesse Camp, Alex White, Grayson Brookshire and Clay Dixon. Back row from left: Assistant coach Tee Harrington, Andrew Ping, Cody Cox, Taylor Goldhaun, Matt Daugherty, Brandon Burris, Andrew Walker, Darian Farris, Pokey Harris, Nate Dent and coach Dodd Dixon.

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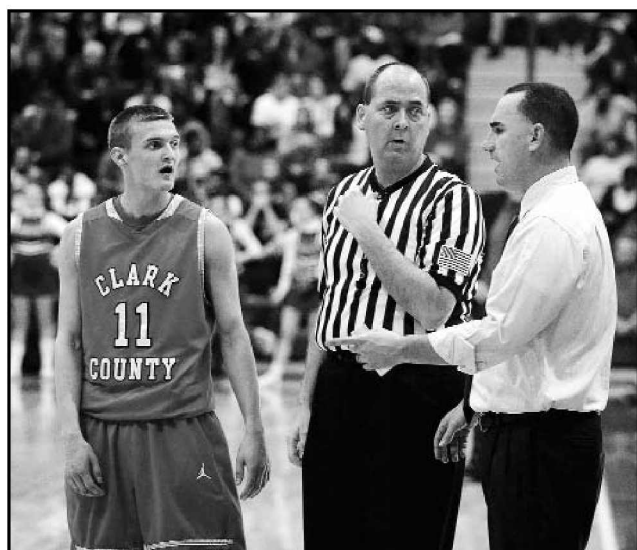
R15-Johnson Central (25-10)



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## Talking points



George Rogers, Clark senior, talks with coach Scott Humphrey during a 61-39 victory over Mason County in the 10th Region finals Tuesday night at the MCHS Arena in Mount Sterling. Charlie Rogers, left, gets a shot off in the paint, while Adam Fatkin, below, fights his way out of traffic in the paint.

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Clark's Dominic Van-Cleve, left, and teammate Charlie Rogers battle for a loose ball during the finals of the 10th Region Tournament Tuesday night at the MCHS Arena. Clark won its third region title in six years with a 61-39 win over Mason County.



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